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Panov, secretary of the Khabarovsk Kray Komsomol Committee, spoke before a meeting of active Komsomols of Stalinskiy Rayon, Jewish AO on the work of the 11th VLKSM Congress.

Panov and other Komsomols spoke of the labor progress of rural Komsomols and youth and also of the shortcomings in the activities of the Stalinskiy Rayon Committee VLKSM and individual primary organizations. Participants of the meeting criticized the rayon committee for poor management, low level of directing socialist competitions, and unsatisfactory political and educational work. There were insufficient lectures and reports for the rural youth of the rayon. Political circles fell apart. Physical culture work among young kolkhoz workers was particularly unsatisfactory.

These deficiencies are the result of insufficient attention on the part of the rayon committee to strengthening primary organizations. Similar shortcomings were noted at the 11th VLKSM Congress 2 months ago, but the Stalinskiy Rayon Committee VLKSM has still done nothing to improve the primary organizations. -- I. Shinchuk

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The Stalinskiy Rayon Committee VLKSM has completely neglected its obligations at the Khabarovsk Communications Repair Plant, which has consistently failed to meet its production program. Neither the secretary of the plant Komsomol organization nor the Komsomol workers themselves are setting the proper example in the struggle for profitable operation. The committee should encourage socialist competition at the plant and take measures to increase labor productivity.

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Agitation and propaganda work of Komsomol organizations of Khabarovsk Kray is made very difficult due to the fact that a large percentage of the population in distant rayons consists of northern peoples, such as Chukchi, Eskimos, Nymylany, Ul'chi, and others, who do not have a sufficient understanding of the Russian language. On the other hand, many Komsomol members who deliver lectures and reports in the villages are unable to speak any of the native languages. Also, many of the young men and girls working in the reindeer brigades, or in the fishing or trapping industry, are very far removed from cultural centers and often have incomplete, or even incorrect knowledge regarding political events. This makes it difficult for them to understand the content of lectures and reports. Komsomol lecturers have to use interpreters, which is not always possible and often does not have the necessary effect.

The Komsomol Committee of Chukot National Okrug has now taken steps to improve the situation. It has been made a requirement for all Komsomol workers to study the local native languages. The more educated and talented Komsomol members among the native population are trained to read reports in their language. In addition, reports are translated from Russian into the Chukchi language.

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